

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2006

Live births increased in April as 6,592 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,679 one year earlier. Cumulative births for January-April show an increase of around five percent.

Deaths increased for all three time periods shown below. In April 5,046 Missourians died compared with 4,380 in April 2005.

The **Natural increase** in April was 1,546 (6,592 births minus 5,046 deaths). The cumulative natural increase declined for the 4- and 12- month periods ending with April.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, marriages decreased by 1.8 percent.

Dissolutions of marriage increased for all three time periods below. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.91 to 1.83.

Infant deaths increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death ratio increased from 7.6 to 8.0 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>April</u>				<u>Jan.-Apr. cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with April</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Live Births	5,679	6,592	12.7	13.4	25,642	26,962	13.5	13.9	77,974	77,957	13.5	13.5	13.4
Deaths	4,380	5,046	9.8	10.2	19,765	21,415	10.4	11.0	53,216	54,541	9.6	9.2	9.4
Natural increase	1,299	1,546	2.9	3.1	5,877	5,547	3.1	2.9	24,758	23,416	3.9	4.3	4.0
Marriages	3,456	2,626	7.7	5.3	9,756	9,460	5.1	4.9	41,139	40,379	7.1	7.1	6.9
Dissolutions	1,905	2,341	4.3	4.7	6,819	7,852	3.6	4.0	21,584	22,053	3.8	3.7	3.8
Infant deaths	39	63	6.9	9.6	196	239	7.6	8.9	590	625	7.3	7.6	8.0
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	5,732	5,773	5,813

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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